

Department of Environmental Quality
Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment – Environmental Study

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public meeting on two water quality studies by the Department of Environmental Quality for eight stream segments which drain from portions of Campbell, Bedford and Amherst counties and the City of Lynchburg and are located within the James River watershed.

PUBLIC MEETING DATE/LOCATION/TIME: Thursday, December 9, 2010. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Ave., Lynchburg, Virginia from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

COMMENT PERIOD: December 10, 2010 to January 10, 2011

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Virginia agencies are working to identify and eliminate sources of bacteria contamination in eight stream segments from the James River watershed in Central Virginia that currently exceed DEQ water quality standards and are listed on the “impaired”, or dirty waters list. The local streams included in the studies are: 18.43 miles of James River, 5.37 miles of Ivy Creek, 5.9 miles of Tomahawk Creek, 3.47 miles of Burton Creek, 10.55 miles of Judith Creek, 5.45 miles of Fishing Creek, 10.24 miles of Blackwater Creek and 8.5 miles of Beaver Creek.

The pending public meeting will present and allow public comment and questions on two water quality studies which include:

1. An amendment to the James River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) developed and adopted in 2007. The TMDL study provides a summary of the source of pollutants within the stream segments and provides a summary of the amount of pollutant that must be removed to meet water quality standards for the eight stream segments.
2. The James River TMDL Implementation Plan, or watershed management plan, presents an outline of voluntary actions or practices that should be utilized within the region to meet to clean up, or meet the water quality standard (TMDL) the local streams.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice. Written comments should be directed to Paula Nash, DEQ, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, email: paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov, phone: 434-582-5120 or to Kelly Hitchcock, Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council, 828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA 24504, email: khitchcock@region2000.org, phone: 434-845-3491.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information on the James River Basin TMDL or the James River TMDL Implementation Plan, you may contact Kelly Hitchcock, contact information above, or go the Environmental Section of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council website at <http://region2000.org/environmental-services.html>, or go to the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov.